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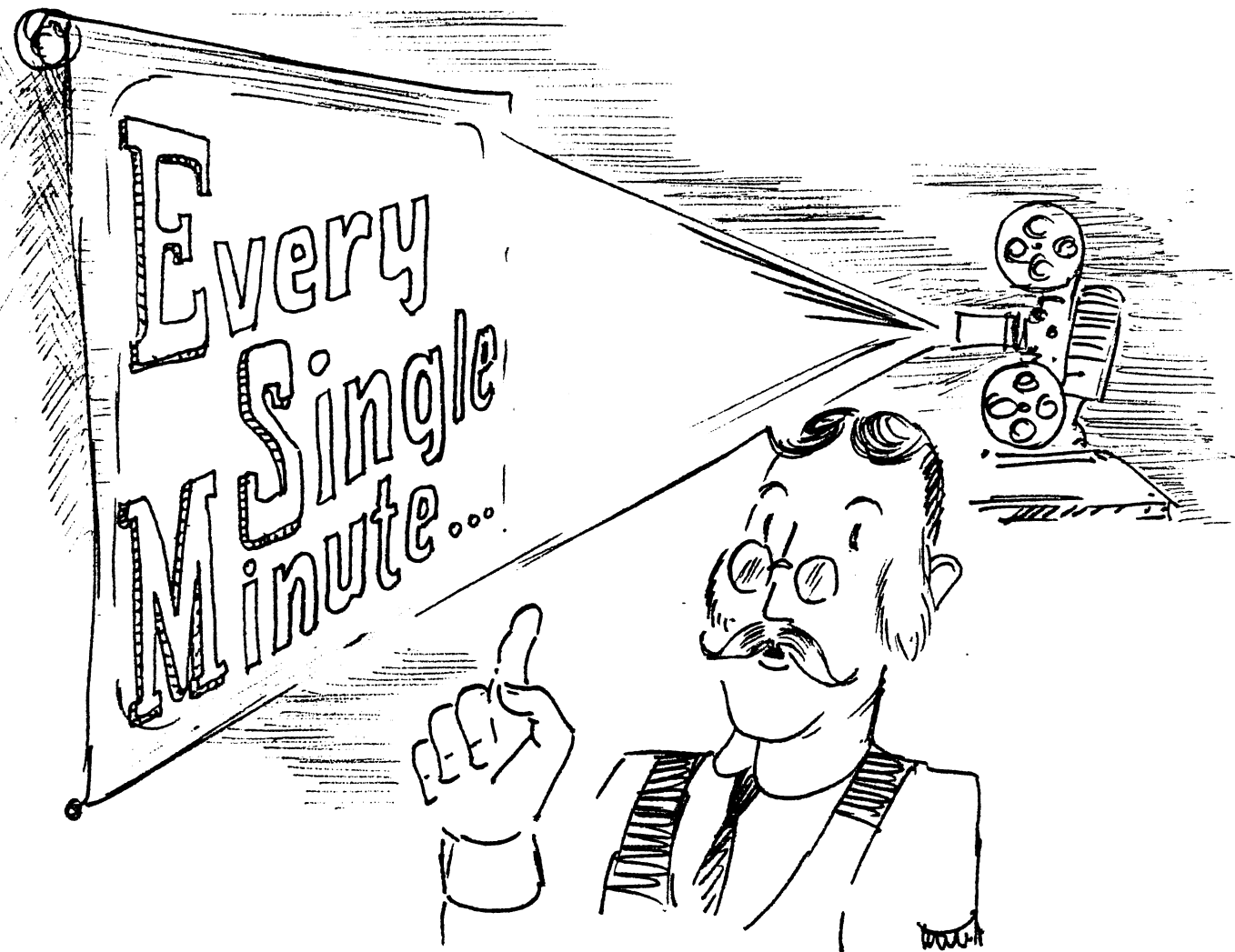
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PHILMONT CLUB NETS

Net Control Chairman: Howard Trout, W3IGW

Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1000 hrs;
2 meters FM (147.63/03 via WR3ADS) 0930 hrs.

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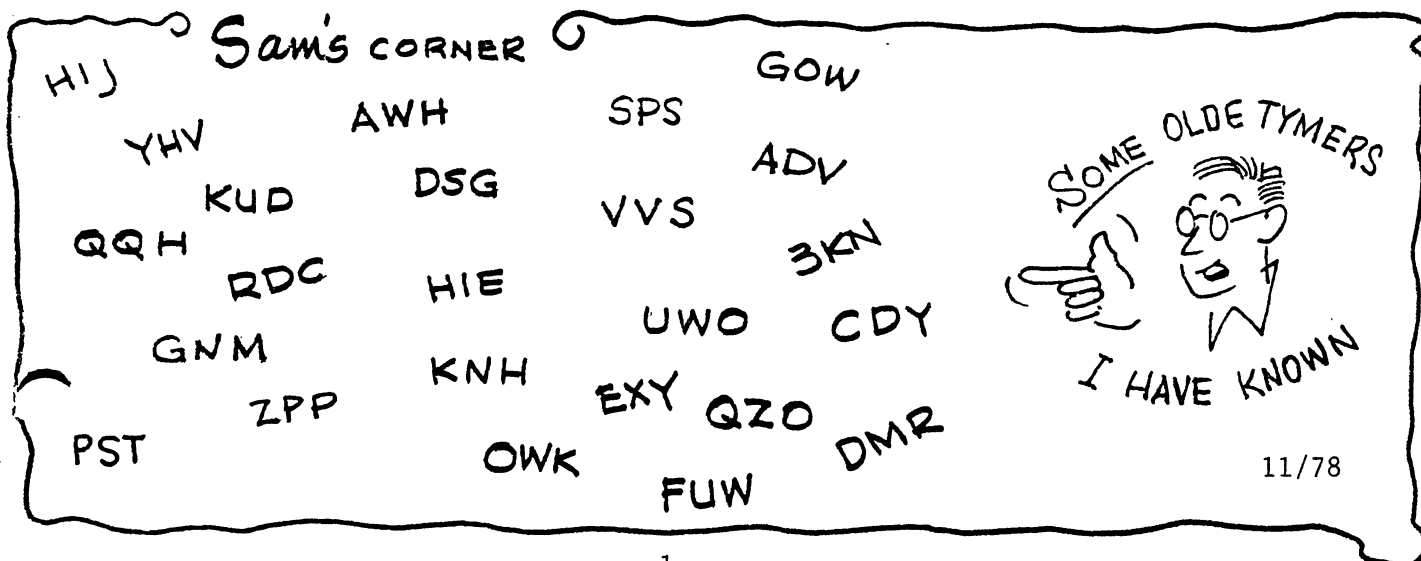
Some random thoughts on being The Editor.

Many times in the BLURB an article will be credited to ARNS Bulletin. The Bulletin, edited by our old friend Andy, KØNL, is the official publication of the Amateur Radio News Service and in addition to providing "stealing material", also offers articles and material to assist in putting together a club paper. Each year ARNS sponsors a competition among member publications and this year we had our material ready and promptly mailed it off to the designated Contest Chairman. Unfortunately there was an internal problem which resulted in the naming of a new chairman and in the resulting turnover of information it now appears that our BLURB entry was lost. At least the list of participating publications just issued does not include the BLURB. I have written to the new chairman and am hopeful that our entry will be located because I really think we have an excellent chance of being well up in the judging. More on this situation later.

Ye Olde Ed is finding it increasingly difficult to take time from a tight schedule to do all the things that being editor entails. Attendance at every activity is mandatory if complete coverage is to be provided; cover art details must be discussed with Our Intrepid Artist; each issue must be composed and typed; the masters must be delivered to the printer; and finally we fold and mail each edition just in time to start the next one.

It should be thoroughly understood that many people contribute to the BLURB. Some a little and some a lot, but in the final analysis editing should not include the typing and reporting and, quite frankly, I need help.

de K3KUD



THE PREZ SEZ

Dr. Harold Dillon, W3EXY, became a silent key on October 1, 1978 at the age of 59. Although we are saddened by the loss of a great man at an early age we have been enriched by the quality of the life he led.

He was a brilliant physician, highly skilled and certified in neurology, psychiatry, and psychoanalysis. He was also a fine administrator. Thousands of patients benefitted from his medical knowledge, superb judgment, strength of character, and gentle understanding.

He worked hard and long hours but remained devoted to his family and friends. He was a serious amateur radio enthusiast and encouraged many others to be equally involved.

His ability to understand problems and search for solutions has helped a countless number of grateful people to solve their conflicts. This talent he extended not only to his patients, but to his many colleagues, friends, and his partners. We have seen and have appreciated a great leader, healer, and friend. We thank his family for understandingly sharing him with all of us.

Arnie, WB2LGY

In preparation for our upcoming Thirtieth Anniversary celebration, the following committee has been appointed to plan a banquet, tentatively scheduled for November, 1979:

Jim and Elaine Spencer (W3QQH)
John and Molly Tinaglia (W3AWH)
Howard and Kitty Trout (W3IGW)
Murray and Debby Bevitz (K3SPS)

December is election time and in preparation for that event, the President has appointed a nominating committee to prepare a slate of candidates for presentation at the November Regular Meeting. Additional nominations from the floor will also be accepted at that time.

The members of the Nominating Committee are:

Jim Spencer, W3QQH
Dick Moll, W3RM
Al Bubeck, K3GNM
John Tinaglia, W3AWH

Please note that in order to hold office in Philmont a candidate must have been a member for one full year prior to his election.

PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 6 Regular Meeting. Old Timer's Night dinner and special program.
Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
Nov. 22 Midmonth Meeting at W3IGW, 8:00 PM
Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 27 BLURB Folding at W3QQH, 7:15 PM

MEETING REPORT

The October Regular Meeting was held at the Franklin Institute on Monday, October 2 with 38 members and 19 visitors present.

In addition to the Minutes and Treasurer's Report, items of business discussed included preliminary plans for the 30th Anniversary Banquet; naming of a Nominating Committee; a detailed report of the Net Control Committee meeting; and the report of a special one-man committee to investigate the feasibility of providing assistance in the installation of an antenna to a Delaware County ham. Since at the time of the investigation the committee (Frenchy, W3IRS) found the antenna already installed, the committee was discharged, its purpose having ceased to exist.

The names of our three new members, unanimously approved, were read. They are Irv Lusky, K3HBB; Jack Stanton, WA3ZZX; and Mike Migliaccio, N3ADI. Welcome to Philmont!

Plans for Old Timer's Night were also discussed. The date is November 6 and while more planning is being done, dinner at the Institute followed by a special program is in the works.

Our program for the evening, one of the best of the year, was presented by Bill Luebckemann, Jr., WB2LCC, Area AMSAT Coordinator. Bill's discussion began with a brief history of the OSCAR satellites and went on to cover plans now in progress for new and better satellites. He explained how the Phase III OSCAR will provide the Northern Hemisphere with approximately 6 hours of accessibility due to its elliptical orbit. Also covered in the program were methods of tracking satellites; frequencies on which they can be worked; transponders and antennas in use; problems encountered in construction and launch; and what to expect in the future. Our thanks to Bill for his interest in bringing the program to us.

As always, refreshments and fellowship followed the meeting.

The Net Control Committee has agreed that in the future no announcements of Midmonth Meetings or BLURB folding will be made on the Sunday nets. Other scheduling changes will be found elsewhere in the BLURB.

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TID-BITS

From Carolyn, W3GTC, comes the information that a new ham store has opened in New Castle, Delaware. Operated by WA3QPX and WA3QLS, the Delaware Amateur Supply stocks all the name brands in amateur gear, will negotiate on trade-ins, and offers tax-free purchases.

Carolyn knows the owners from Powder Puff Derby days and feels that they are working hard to please their customers and to provide a real one-stop ham supply store. It may advantageous to check the place out if you are in the market for gear. The location is 71 Meadow Road, New Castle, just $\frac{1}{2}$ mile off I-95. Telephone (302) 328-7728.

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Operating Hint: When calling a station it is accepted practice to identify the "called station" first "from the calling station". We have noticed that this procedure is not always followed on the repeater and results in confusion.

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It's likely that some Philmont members and BLURB readers may not be aware that FCC Regulations permit the administration of amateur examinations at the applicant's home in cases where a certified physical disability makes it impossible or difficult for the applicant to take the exam at the FCC office. This is not a new provision, and there are many who have been licensed this way. What is new however, is the fact that beginning this summer FCC has included the visually handicapped among those eligible for examination by an FCC appointed volunteer examiner.

This does not refer to the Novice Class exam which is given only by volunteer examiners, and may be administered by any adult holding at least a General Class ticket. The disability examinations include all classes of amateur licenses, both new and upgrade.

As another "Philmont Service", Dick Moll, W3RM, is enrolled by FCC to administer such examinations. Anyone (members or non-members) wishing information on how to arrange for a special "home" exam under the disability provisions can contact W3RM (Box 88, Abington, PA, 19001) or Joe Welch, K3CT, at the Philadelphia FCC office.

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The Net Control Committee announces a rearrangement of our Sunday Net scheduling. Please make a note for future reference.

2-meter net 9:30 AM-10:15 AM. Announcements at 9:30, 10:50, and 10:15. HR Report 10:55.

10-meter net SSB only 10:00 AM. Random check-in on this net. A standby will be made at 10:15 for AM stations wishing to check-in.

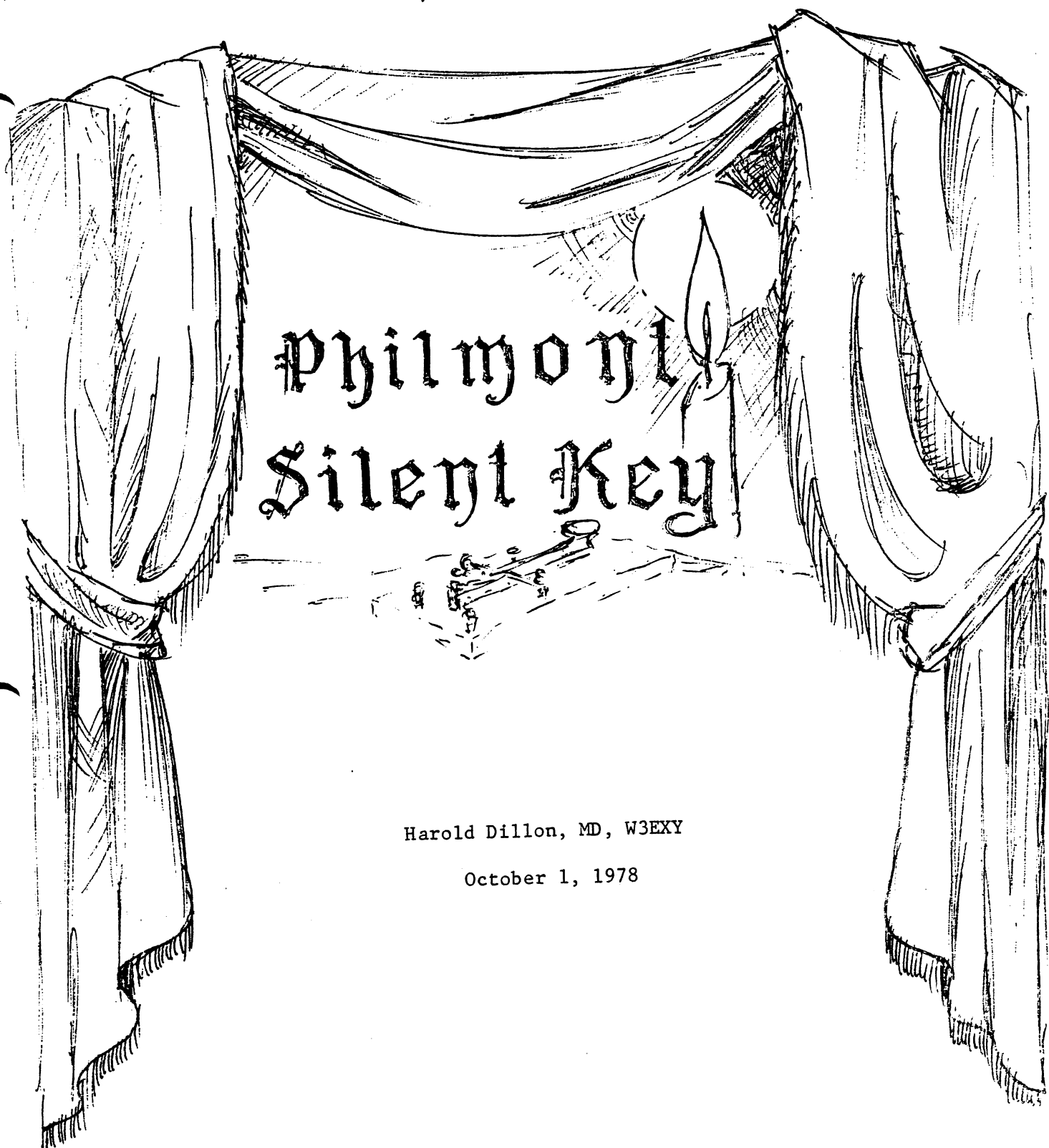
75-meter net 10:30 AM-10:45 AM.

80-meter CW net 10:30 AM-11:00 AM.

The new scheduling will be in effect after October 1, 1978. Don't say we didn't tell you!

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We'll be looking for YOU at Old Timer's Night, November 6.

A hand-drawn sketch of a stage. Two large curtains hang on either side of a central area. A spotlight shines down from above onto the center. The text "Philmont Silent Key" is written in a stylized font across the center. Below the text, a small sketch of a key is visible.

Philmont Silent Key

Harold Dillon, MD, W3EXY

October 1, 1978

FOR SALE

Drake TR-3, Power Supply and Speaker
w/instruction book.....\$350.00

SBE SB144; 7 channels. W/instruction book.....\$200.00

MFJ Antenna tuner, random wire, Model MFJ-16010.....\$ 20.00

Contact E.P.Miller, K3AWC
26 Rose Lane
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From the Pack-Rats "Cheesebits" comes the following excellent observation:

God's last name is not "damn"!

THINGS WE HEAR

Ed, W2FUW, and wife Dee delayed their departure for Florida in order that we could hold Midmonth at their new home. Talk about being a Philmonter all the way!..... Carl, W3SGR, has gone into the concrete repair business. Oh my aching back!....Did you know that Dick Moll's father is generally credited with being the originator of the baseball card chewing gum idea, back in the 30's?.....Barney, W3CW, still making the trek from Atlantic City.....Arnie, WB2LGY, played a little pool recently, Swimming pool that is.....Shouldn't Bob, W3UQ, use "Ultimate Quality" or "Usually Quiet" for phonetics instead of "Uncle Quack"?.....W3QV operating out of the CommBus at the Pack Rats Hamarama, manned by Jim, W3QQH; Paul, W3VVS; and Jim, W3AHZ...Would you believe that our repeater "beep tone" is already one year old?

EXCERPT FROM THE RULES OF ELECTIONS

"Nominations are to be announced at a General Meeting at least three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor following announcement of the Committee's slate. Nominations shall be closed at the conclusion of this meeting."

"Only members who have previously indicated their willingness to run may be nominated for office."

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